

# WATER BOARD COMMUNICATION

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**Meeting Date:** May 19, 2014

**Item Number:** 8a

**Subject:** Update on 2014 Water Legislation

**Type of Item:** Items from Staff

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**Suggested Action:** Receive update concerning tracking of 2014 Water Legislation.

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The Second Regular Session of the Sixty-ninth Colorado General Assembly convened January 8, 2014 and ended on May 7, 2014. Each month during the 2014 Legislative Session, staff will provide Water Board with a list of current water related Legislation Bills Longmont is tracking. For additional Legislative information visit Water Board's Legislative Affairs web page located at [http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/pwwu/water\\_board/legislativeaffairs.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/pwwu/water_board/legislativeaffairs.htm). From this page the Board can access the 2014 Legislative Guiding Water Principals, Prior Water Board Legislative Communications, prior Issue Briefs, City Managers' Legislative Affairs web page, link to the Colorado General Assembly home page.

Listed below are the 2014 water related legislation bills City of Longmont is currently tracking. Status on these bills will be discussed with Water Board at its May 19, 2014 regular meeting. Throughout the 2014 Legislative Session, as additional water related bills are introduced, staff will add these bills to the list below. For May 2014, staff added one additional water related bill, SB14-195.

## Water Related Legislation Bills – 2014

House Bill #	General Description	City Position	Bill Status
<a href="#">HB14-1002</a>	Concerning the establishment of a grant program under the "Colorado Water Quality Control Act" to repair water infrastructure impacted by a natural disaster and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.	Support	Sent to the Governor 5-14-14
<a href="#">HB14-1005</a>	Concerning clarification of the requirements applicable to a change of point of water diversion.	Support	Sent to the Governor 4-30-14



<a href="#">HB14-1026</a>	Concerning the authorization of flexible water markets.	Monitor	Postpone Indefinitely
<a href="#">HB14-1028</a>	Concerning a limitation on the United States' ability to impose conditions on a water right owner in exchange for permission to use land.	Monitor	Postpone Indefinitely
<a href="#">HB14-1030</a>	Concerning the establishment of incentives for the development of hydroelectric energy systems.	Monitor	Sent to the Governor 4-30-14
<a href="#">HB14-1218</a>	Concerning the use of surface water to replace out-of-priority groundwater depletions without requiring additional Water Court approval pursuant to a streamlined approach adopted by the State Engineer as a Pilot Project.	Monitor	Postpone Indefinitely
<a href="#">HB14-1219</a>	Concerning clarification that the obligation of a local government to maintain at its own expense a structure that allows water to cross the path of a highway without interfering with travel on the highway does not require the local government to bear the costs of constructing any new structure or completely reconstructing or replacing any existing structure.	Oppose	Postpone Indefinitely
<a href="#">HB14-1320</a>	Concerning an increase in the minimum time period between filings for a finding of reasonable diligence regarding the adjudication of a conditional water right.	Monitor	House 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Lost 4-10-2014
<a href="#">HB14-1332</a>	Concerning water management in the South Platte River Basin.	Monitor	House 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Special Order - Lost With Amendments 4-23-2014
<a href="#">HB14-1333</a>	Concerning the funding of Colorado Water Conservation Board projects, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.	Support	Sent to the Governor 5-14-14

<b>Senate Bill #</b>	<b>General Description</b>	<b>City Position</b>	<b>Bill Status</b>
<a href="#">SB14-017</a>	Concerning a limitation on the approval of real estate developments that use water rights decreed for agricultural purposes to irrigate lawn grass.	Monitor	Signed by Governor 4-11-14
<a href="#">SB14-023</a>	Concerning an authorization of the voluntary transfer of water efficiency savings to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for instream use purposes in water divisions that include lands west of the continental divide.	Monitor	Prepared for Signatures 5-06-14
<a href="#">SB14-025</a>	Concerning grants for domestic wastewater treatment works for small communities.	Monitor	Signed by Governor 2-27-14
<a href="#">SB14-026</a>	Concerning the removal of certain statutory printing requirements for information provided by the division of	Monitor	Signed by Governor

	water resources.		2-19-14
<a href="#">SB14-072</a>	Concerning treatment of the September 2013 floods as replacing certain out-of-priority groundwater depletions in Water Division 1.	Monitor	Postpone Indefinitely
<a href="#">SB14-103</a>	Concerning the phase-out of the sale of certain low-efficiency plumbing fixtures.	Monitor	Sent to the Governor 5-02-14
<a href="#">SB14-105</a>	Concerning the elimination of the requirement that a portion of the fees collected for the water resources cash fund be transferred to the state general fund.	Monitor	Signed by Governor 3-20-2014
<a href="#">SB14-115</a>	Concerning procedural requirements applicable to state water plans.	Monitor	Sent to the Governor 5-12-14
<a href="#">SB14-134</a>	Concerning the repeal of statutory fee schedules applicable to water quality.	Monitor	Postpone Indefinitely
<a href="#">SB14-142</a>	Concerning an exception for certain water system facilities from the facilities that the commissioner of Agriculture has a duty to inspect regarding pesticide storage.	Monitor	Signed by Governor 3-27-2014
<a href="#">SB14-147</a>	Concerning a study to determine the impact of increased alluvial well pumping in District 2 of Water Division 1.	Monitor	Postpone Indefinitely
<a href="#">SB14-179</a>	Concerning the creation of a flood debris cleanup grant account to facilitate watershed cleanup efforts in areas affected by the September 2013 flood, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.	Support	Prepared for Signatures 5-06-14
<a href="#">SB-14-195</a>	<b>Concerning a study of phreatophyte growth along the south Platte river in the aftermath of the September 2013 flood.</b>	<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Prepared for Signatures 5-08-14</b>

<b>Senate Joint Resolution #</b>	<b>General Description</b>	<b>City Position</b>	<b>Bill Status</b>
<a href="#">SJR14-004</a>	Concerning approval of water project revolving fund eligibility lists administered by the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority.	Support	Signed by Governor 3-07-14